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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

Concerning COLOURS to be worn on Board Ships.

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WHereas divers of Our Subjects have of late presumed on Board their Ships to wear Our Jacks, Pendants and Ensigns, which according to Ancient Usage have been appointed as a Distinction for Our Ships, and many times thinking to evade the Punishment due for the same, have worn Jacks, Pendants and Ensigns in shape and mixture of Colours, so little different from Ours, as not, without Difficulty, to be Distinguished therefrom, which Practice is found attended with manifold Inconveniencies: For prevention whereof for the future, We have thought fit, and, with the Advice of Our Privy Council, by this Our Royal Proclamation, do strictly Charge and Command all Our Subjects whatsoever, That they do not presume to wear in any of their Ships or Vessels, Our Jack, commonly called, The Union Jack, nor any Pendants, nor any such Ensigns or Colours as are usually born by Our Ships, without particular Warrant for their so doing from Us, or the Lord High Admiral of England, or the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral for the time being. And We do hereby further Command all Our Loving Subjects, That without such Warrant, as aforesaid, they presume not to wear on Board their Ships or Vessels, any Jacks, Pendants, Ensigns or Colours, made in Imitation of those worn on Board Our Ships, or any other Flags, Jacks, Pendants or Ensigns whatsoever, than those usually worn in Merchants Ships, Viz. The Flag and Jack White, with a Red Cross, commonly called, St. George's Cross, passing quite through the same, and the Ensign Red, with a like Cross in a Canton White at the upper Corner thereof next the Staff, nor any kind of Pendant whatsoever; Saving that for the better Distinction of such Ships as shall have Commissions of Letters of Mart or Reprisals against the Enemy, and any other Ships and Vessels which may be Employed by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Ordnance, the Commissioners for Victualling Our Navy, the Commissioners for Our Customs, and the Commissioners for Transportation for Our Service, relating particularly to those Officers, We do Command, That all such Ships as have Commissions of Letters of Mart or Reprisals, shall, besides the Colours which may be worn by Merchants Ships, wear a Red Jack, with the Union Jack, described in a Canton of the upper Corner thereof next the Staff; And that such Ships and Vessels as shall be Employed for Our Service, by the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, the Principal Officers of Our Ordnance, the Commissioners for Victualling Our Navy, the Commissioners for Our Customs, and the Commissioners for Transportation for Our Service, relating particularly to those Officers, shall wear a Red Jack with the Union Jack in a Canton at the upper Corner thereof next the Staff, as aforesaid, and in the other part of the said Jack shall be described the Seal used in the respective Offices aforesaid, by which the said Ships and Vessels shall be Employed. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command, That none of Our Loving Subjects do presume to wear any of the said Distinction Jacks, unless they shall have Commissions of Letters of Mart or Reprisals, or be Employed in Our Service by the before mentioned Officers respectively. And We do hereby Require the Principal Officers and Commissioners of Our Navy, the Governours of Our Forts and Castles, the Officers of Our Customs, and the Commanders or Officers of any of Our Ships, upon their Meeting with, or otherwise Observing any Ships or Vessels of Our Subjects, wearing any Flag, Pendant, Jack or Ensign contrary hereunto, whether at Sea or in Port, not only to Seize, or cause to be Seized forthwith such Flag, Pendant, Jack or Ensign, but also to Return the Names of the said Ships, and Vessels, together with the Names of their respective Masters or Commanders, unto the Lord High Admiral, Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral, or the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty for the time being, to the end that the Persons Offending may be duly Punished for the same according to Law. And We do hereby Command and Enjoyn the Judge and Judges of the High Court of Admiralty for the time being, That they make strict Enquiry, and cause all such Offenders to be duly Punished. And all Vice-Admirals, and Judges of the Vice-Admiralties are also to do the same, and Attend the due Observation hereof, within the several Ports and Places belonging to their respective Precincts. And Our further Pleasure is, That this Proclamation shall take place according to the times hereafter mentioned, Viz. For all Ships in the Chanel or British Seas and in the North Sea, after Twelve Days from the Date of these Presents; And from the Mouth of the Chanel unto Cape St. Vincent, after Six Weeks from the Date of these Presents: And beyond the Cape, and on this side the Aequinoctial Line, as well the Ocean and Mediterranean as elsewhere, after Ten Weeks from the Date of these Presents; And beyond the Line after the Space of Eight Months from the Date hereof.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the Eighteenth Day of *December*, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Dantzick, Dec. 9. N. S. Letters from *Warsaw* of the 2d Instant say, the King of *Sweden* was come with his Army as far as *Sendomir*, where the Princes *Alexander* and *Constantine*, Sons to the late King of *Poland*, had been to wait upon him; and that they were afterwards gone towards the Country of *Russland*, with intent, as it is suspected, to make an Interest in favour of the *Swedes* among the Forces of the Crown which are quartered on that side. The Princes of the Family of *Sapieha* were shortly expected in the *Swedish* Camp. The *Swedes* exact great Contributions from the Country thrô which they pass. Our Advices say, part of their Troops are advanced as far as *Warsaw*. They write from *Thorn*, that the Great Council of the Nobility of *Poland* and *Lithuania* continues assembled in that Town, but has not yet taken any Resolution upon the several Matters before them; That it was much discoursed there, that a great number of the Nobility of the *Greater Poland* had entred into a Confederacy against the *Swedes*; That the Cardinal Primate having complained to the King of *Poland*, that some of his Troops had taken Quarters upon his Estate, they were ordered to remove from thence; And that Monsieur *De Heron*, the *French* Envoy, who is in Custody for his unhandsome Carriage at the Court of *Poland*, having endeavoured to prevail with the Officer, to whose Care he is committed, to suffer him to make his Escape, by offering him a Reward of 1000 Dollars, and a Regiment in the *French* King's Service, if he would go with him, the Officer immediately gave Notice thereof to the Court; whereupon Orders were given, that the Envoy be kept under close Confinement. The King of *Poland* having expressed some Resentment against this City, upon the occasion of the Dispute which happened lately between our Burghers and some of his *Saxon* Soldiers that were marching by this Place, our Magistrates have sent Deputies to make a true Representation of that Matter to his Majesty.

Vienna, Dec. 6. The Soldiers which the several States of the Emperor's Hereditary Countries undertook some time ago to furnish, in order to recruit and augment his Troops in *Italy*, are all raised, and will be employed against the Elector of *Bavaria*: It is said they amount to 15000 Men. The *Saxon* Forces continue their march through *Bohemia*; Count *Schlick's* Regiment, and another belonging to the Elector of *Hanover*, are to join them, and more Forces will be appointed for this Service, which are all to rendezvous at *Lintz*, whither Count *Solari*, with the 1500 Men under his Command, is already marching from *Tirol*; and when this Body of Troops is got together, the King of the *Romans* will go thither to review them; after which he intends to call there an Assembly of the States of the *Upper Austria*. In the mean time Orders are given for raising more Men, and for buying Horses,